

BROWSER FOR USE IN NAVIGATING A BODY OF INFORMATION,
WITH PARTICULAR APPLICATION TO BROWSING INFORMATION
REPRESENTED BY AUDIOVISUAL DATA

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ABSTRACT

The invention facilitates and enhances review of a body of
information (that can be represented by a set of audio data,
15 video data, text data or some combination of the three),
enabling the body of information to be quickly reviewed to
obtain an overview of the content of the body of information
and allowing flexibility in the manner in which the body of
information is reviewed. In a particular application of the
20 invention, the content of audiovisual news programs is acquired
from a first set of one or more information sources (e.g.,
television news programs) and text news stories are acquired
from a second set of one or more information sources (e.g., on-
line news services or news wire services). In such a
25 particular application, the invention can enable the user to
access the news stories of audiovisual news programs in a
random manner so that the user can move quickly among news
stories or news programs. The invention can also enable the
user to quickly locate news stories pertaining to a particular
30 subject. Additionally, when the user is observing a particular
news story in a news program, the invention can identify and
display related news stories. The invention can also enable

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